## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

It is an object to allow an output apparatus to certainly recognize an error when the error occurs at the time of a data transfer using an upper layer (IEEE 1284.4). In a communication system in which an information processing apparatus and an output apparatus can communicate data by using an interface constructed by the upper layer (IEEE 1284.4) and a lower layer (IEEE 1284), when the information processing apparatus detects an error at the time of a data communication using the upper layer, a predetermined command (device ID request) specified in the lower layer is used in order to allow the output apparatus to recognize the occurrence of the error.

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